

REMARKS

Claims 24, 30-33, 37-39, 42, 46, 48 and 51 are amended. Claim 50 is cancelled. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, 19-49, and 51-57 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Telephonic Interviews:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended in the telephonic interviews of July 26, 2011 and June 2, 2011. The Examiner has indicated in the interview of July 26, 2011 that the content of claim 1 is allowable as currently written. Applicants have therefore amended claim 24 to reflect limitations of claim 1.

Additionally, the Examiner has indicated in the interview of June 2, 2011 that the content of claims 10, 11, 28, 29, 50 and 51 is allowable, but that claims 10, 11, 28, 29, 50 and 51 are objected to for dependence from a rejected base claim. Applicants have therefore amended claim 42 to reflect the content of claim 28 and have amended claims 46 and 48 to reflect the content of former claim of former claim 50.

Section 102(e) Rejection:

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-17, 19-27, 30-35, 37-46 and 52-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Graham et al. (U.S. Patent 6,594,700) (hereinafter “Graham”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in light of the Examiner’s indications of allowable subject matter in the telephonic interviews of June 2, 2011 and July 26, 2011 as well as the amendments included herewith.

Section 103(a) Rejection:

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 5, 36 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham in view of Zintel, et al. (U.S. Patent 7,130,895)

(hereinafter "Zintel"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in light of the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter in the telephonic interviews of June 2, 2011 and July 26, 2011 as well as the amendments included herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-57700/RCK.

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